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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, US, UR  
SUBJECT: U.S.-USSR RELATIONS: COMMENT BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR

1. AT THE CZECH NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION MAY 9TH  
I HAD THE OCCASION TO EXCHANGE GREETINGS AND A FEW  
REMARKS WITH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN GREECE,  
IVAN UDALTSOV, WHO HAS BEEN HERE ABOUT A YEAR  
AND IMMEDIATELY PRIOR WAS HEAD OF THE NOVOSTI NEWS  
AGENCY IN MOSCOW. UDALTSOV, WHO HAS NEVER BEEN  
EXACTLY A TOWER OF CORDIALITY AND FRIENDLINESS,  
WAS COOLER AND MORE RESERVED THAN USUAL.

2. AFTER BRIEF, PRO FORMA GREETINGS, I ASKED HIM  
HOW HE FELT ABOUT THINGS GENERALLY. HE SAID THINGS  
WERE "NOT GOOD" BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE USSR. HE  
RECOGNIZED THAT THERE WAS A NEW ADMINISTRATION IN  
WASHINGTON, HE SAID, BUT THE BASIC "REALITIES"  
IN THE WORLD REMAINED THE SAME. HE HOPED THIS  
WOULD BE REALIZED AND UNDERSTOOD IN WASHINGTON  
BEFORE TOO MUCH LONGER. IN OUR CONVERSATION HE  
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ALSO COMMENTED THAT HE HOPED RELATIONS BETWEEN  
WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW WOULD IMPROVE BECAUSE SO MUCH  
DEPENDS ON THIS RELATIONSHIP, BUT THAT THIS WOULD BE UP  
TO THE UNITED STATES. I DISPUTED HIS GENERAL LINE,  
SAYING THAT IT SEEMED QUITE APPARENT TO ME THAT THERE  
WAS FULL UNDERSTANDING IN WASHINGTON OF WORLD  
REALITIES AND THAT IMPROVED WASHINGTON-MOSCOW

UNDERSTANDING DEPENDED ON THE SOVIET UNION AS WELL. AT  
THJ CZRISL WE PARTED ON A GENERAL NOTE OF "AGREEING  
TO DISAGREE."

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, AT THE SAME RECEPTION, I SAW  
SEVERAL OTHER AMBASSADORS, INCLUDING THE BELGIAN AND  
THE EGYPTIAN, WHO TOLD ME THAT UDALTSOV HAS BEEN  
COMMENTING RATHER GENERALLY ALONG THE ABOVE LINES IN  
ATHENS RECENTLY; AND I AM REPORTING THIS FOR WHATEVER  
VALUE IT MAY HAVE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER  
ADDRESSEES.  
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